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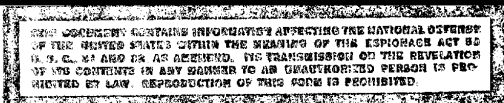
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1. The reopening of what was formerly the Route Coloniale 3, from Thai Nguyen (105-50, 21-35) to the vicinity of Caobang (106-16, 22-39) was officially celebrated in Thai Nguyen on 1 May 1950.*
2. Repairs on the road from Cho Moi (105-46, 21-52) to Caobang have been in progress for several months and are carried out by non-combatant troops and prisoners of war. It is now practicable for trucks to travel its entire length. Traffic circulates by night only.
3. The road from Tuyen Quang (105-12, 21-49) to Ha Giang (104-57, 22-50), similarly repaired, is now also serviceable.
4. The road from Bi Nhi (106-41, 22-15) on the Vietnam-China frontier to That Khe (106-28, 22-17) on the Route Coloniale 4 is now being repaired by the Viet Minh.
5. From That Khe a connecting road is being constructed across the mountains to Thai Nguyen. Details of the alignment are not known.
6. A large proportion of trucks used by the Viet Minh army is believed to use wood fuel. Gasoline is obtained in small quantities, however, from the Chinese army at Hsingi (104-50, 24-30), via Ha Giang.
7. A permanent Viet Minh committee for the reception and transport of arms and supplies received from Communist China has been established near Caobang. Its president is Nguyen Thanh Nam.

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